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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Brian R. Murphy, et al.

Application No.: 09/733,692

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: USE OF RECOMBINANT  
PARAINFLUENZA VIRUSES (PIVS)  
AS VECTORS TO PROTECT AGAINST  
INFECTION AND DISEASE CAUSED  
BY PIV AND OTHER HUMAN  
PATHOGENS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/083,793, filed May 22, 1993, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/047,575, filed May 23, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/059,385, filed September 19, 1997. Each of the foregoing disclosures is incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/170,195, filed by Murphy et al. on December 10, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--